

INTRODUCING OIL INDEPENDENCE FOR A STRONGER AMERICA ACT OF 2010

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010, a bipartisan bill to help transition our transportation sector from an oil-based system to one based on electricity and natural gas. This legislation is a significant investment in our shared goals to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and ramp up production of homegrown biofuels in states like Washington that can spur our economy and create American jobs. As many of you know, the U.S. has only two percent of the world's oil reserves while we consume 23 percent of the world's oil. The status quo is not in our national security interests, or economic interests. Of all the oil that is used in the United States each day, 57 percent is imported, and 70 percent of that imported oil comes from countries that do not enjoy many of the same basic freedoms as U.S. citizens. Further, this addiction costs the U.S. economy close to \$1 billion per day. This imbalance of supply and demand means that the U.S. will be dependent on foreign sources of oil unless we create smart and thoughtful policies to invest in America's clean energy technologies and infrastructure.

This bill provides the necessary framework for the United States change invigorate new American industries and kick our oil habit. To put this in perspective everyone should know that approximately one-third of the total amount of energy consumed in the United States is to fuel the 249 million vehicles that are burning gas on our highways.

The Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010 contains language that has the goal of reducing our dependence on oil by approximately 3 billion barrels per year, a number that represents nearly all of our oil imports. This bill would:

1. Establish the National Energy Security Program to coordinate oil reduction efforts across all of government
2. Help deploy electric and natural gas vehicles though tax credits and deployment demonstration projects
3. Amend current federal transportation planning rules to include planning for oil savings in transportation infrastructure plans developed by states and authorize funding for projects to implement the plans
4. Help the U.S. advanced biofuels industry scale up to commercial levels
5. Support research and development in battery technologies

In addition to strengthening America by reigning in our oil consumption the legislation also has very positive environmental benefits. Almost 1/3 of all the Green House Gas, GHG, emissions in the U.S. come from the transportation sector. Switching over 60 percent of our transportation sector to electric vehicles would cut emissions by 33 percent. This is the equivalent of taking 82 million gas burning cars off the road.

In the great state of Washington, interests from the private and public sectors are already working to bring electric vehicles and the as-

sociated infrastructure to the 1-5 corridor. Their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation. Realizing the goals of this legislation will ensure that the U.S. secures its competitive edge in this field.

This legislation is a win-win-win for the future of the United States. We can help secure our nation's energy resources, reduce our nations greenhouse gas emissions significantly which will help mitigate issues of global climate change, and ensure that innovative transportation technologies like advanced batteries and advanced biofuels are made here in the United States. In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it toward passage as soon as possible.

ARTUR DAVIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today to honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS. During the past eight years, Congressman DAVIS has represented Alabama's seventh congressional district with earnest dedication.

An Alabama native, Congressman DAVIS was raised by his mother and grandmother. Despite his family's modest means, he excelled in school and graduated with honors from both Harvard University and Harvard Law School. As a law student, he worked for the Southern Poverty Law Center and for U.S. Senator Howell Heflin. From 1994 to 1998, he served as a Federal prosecutor in Montgomery and earned an almost perfect trial conviction record. He spent the following four years as a litigator in private practice until he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002.

During his eight years in office, Congressman DAVIS has become well known for his political acumen and public speaking ability. He gained national recognition when he garnered significant bipartisan support to pass the HOPE VI program to improve public housing. Significantly, Congressman DAVIS was also a major player responsible for the reopening of the Pigford black farmer's lawsuit. Among his national honors, Esquire Magazine selected him as one of the top ten best Congressmen in America.

Congressman DAVIS has served admirably as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the House Administration Committee. He made an impressive contribution to the Democratic Party during the 2008 election cycle as the Recruitment Chair for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Congressman DAVIS is a passionate and pragmatic legislator, who has fought to improve the lives of the people in his district and throughout the country. On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS.

IN NATE A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO CPL. NATHAN "NATE" SCHAMING 82ND AIRBORNE 1/504 PIR CO. THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, Corporal Nate Schaming of Ohio, and The United States Army . . . 82nd Airborne Division 1/504 PIR C Co., lost both his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq on 12/01/07. Like many of our heroes who come home from war, he must begin a new battle and a new fight. As we watch him in awe, as he rebuilds his life, with but only his faith and great courage to sustain him . . . Another key part of his recovery, can also be directly attributed to his wonderful mother Pamela who has been there day and night. Any doctor or nurse will tell you that the family members are the true Unsung Heroes in recovery . . . and they are key to it. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

In . . . Nate . . .
Born with it, something so very great!
Inherent, the nature or something . . . belonging to . . . In Nate, that's what you do!
An Army Man, Who So Can! One of Ohio's, who's who!
A future Hero seen, who from deep down within him . . . such his greatness would convene!
When courage crests . . . Like John Glenn, Oh Those Most Heroic Ohio Men . . . But, The Best!
Who lock and load . . .
The ones, who live by the greatest of all honor codes . . .
Who but for us, them and their families . . . bare the load . . .
Who all in times of war, who with such hearts of courage sure . . .
Ensure our victory, all out upon death's road!
To lose your once strong two fine young legs! As upon, them . . . such speed they gave! While then somehow to rebuild . . . while so close to the grave!
With but with only lies within a heart, so brave . . .
Surely, but coming from down within . . . coming from Nate!
A man from that Buckeye State . . .
Who has taken all of this pain and heartache . . .
For him, Heaven would have to wait . . .
As with a mother's help so great . . . his new life he creates!
For God is Good, and God is Great!
All in such men and women of honor, he so creates . . .
All within hearts which will not hesitate, from somewhere deep down within . . . inside so states!
So states, all about Courage and Faith . . . Whose fine hearts, are so full of character . . . as so In Nate . . .
Who Teach Us All, Who Reach Us All . . . Who So Beseech Us and Do So State!
Of what we are born with . . .
And the kind of courage, we are warmed with . . . that which so ever lives on which states!
For as we stand here this day and see, what is good . . . what is great . . .
What is so . . . In Nate!
As now we understand, The Greatest Of All Things . . .

That which our Lord so creates, are but
found deep down within someone like
Nate!
And if ever I have a son, I but hope and
pray . . . he could but be like you this
one!
In Nate!

PASSING OF REVEREND S.L.
ROBERSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, a distinguished churchman, much loved in southeast Michigan who led the House of Representatives in prayer on September 5, 2007, has been called by the God he served so faithfully.

Reverend S.L. Roberson, pastor of Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away on November 11, 2010. His long and faithful service to his God and fellow man has endeared him to the people of the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor region of Southeast Michigan in a very special way.

Reverend Roberson was a Marine and he served this country at Okinawa and Iwo Jima in World War II. When he came home he never stopped serving.

Reverend Roberson led the congregation at Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church from 1954. He was a leader to that church and he was leader to the Ypsilanti community. He was a gifted communicator and he put that gift to work for his community, his congregation, and his nation.

Reverend Roberson leaves behind a grieving family and thousands of grieving friends and admirers.

He was commemorated in a celebration of his life at Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church on December 18, 2010.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, which he led in prayer, I extend our condolences to his much loved widow, Mrs. Hollie Roberson, and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN
HERO: SERGEANT MAJOR RAY-
MOND MACKEY, 3RD BATTALION
10TH MARINES

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American Hero, Sergeant Major Raymond Mackey of Sierra Vista, Arizona and the 3rd Battalion 10th Marines. This Marine has served our Nation for 28 years; leading and inspiring our Nation's Marines.

On December 23, 2009, while on patrol, he noticed a marker left by the enemy indicating an improvised explosive device, IED, up ahead. As he pushed a fellow Marine out of the way of the IED, it exploded and Sergeant Major Mackey lost his legs and almost his life. With the help of his wife, Vicki, he recovered and is doing well today.

I ask that the following poem by Albert Caswell penned in honor of Major Mackey and his family be placed in the RECORD:

ARIZONA'S BRIGHT SON

Arizona's son . . .
Shining, but so very brightly . . . as but
does, so this one!
Ah yes Raymond, you are one of her bright-
est of all ones!
As thy will be done!
A United States Marine, oh yes, you are on
one of the finest of all things!
That, this our Country . . . has . . . ever so
seen . . .
As a leader of women and men, as upon bat-
tlefields of honor you would descend
. . .
A Sergeant Major, whose entire life will be
. . . and has always been . . .
One of strength in honor, time and time
again!
As so boldly forth, Mac you have worn that
fine shade of green!
As a magnificent brave heart, who would go
off to war to lead . . .
Leaving behind, all that you so loved . . .
and adored!
All for God and Country, all for our most
precious freedom to ensure!
As into such fine heroes, molding and lead-
ing our men and women so for sure!
As when, all in that moment's of truth . . .
Saving your brother in arm's life, giving up
your own two strong legs . . . as lies
the proof!
As when, you looked down . . . and so saw
what you had found . . .
As the tears upon his most heroic face, came
streaming down!
But, Marines don't quit! They lead!
As now Sergeant Major Mackey, you have a
new battle to win . . . a new war to
succeed!
For some heroes, are but put upon this earth!
To teach us, to reach us . . . to all of our
hearts so beseech us . . . all in their
worth!
For all in our Lord God's heart, they do so
surely come first!
As does, this bright son now shine! As over
the skies of Arizona, you so rise!
With but your faith and courage, but bring-
ing tears to all of our eyes!
The kind of son, I wished was mine!
Who will one day, Heaven . . . for his faith
and courage, wings will so find!
Oh Mac, how you do shine! All in your life,
all in your time!
And all of those lives that you have saved
. . .
And all of those magnificent heroes you have
so trained and trained!
And all for your most heroic brothers in
arms, who no so lie in soft quiet graves
. . .
Have so marched forth all in those magnifi-
cent shades of green!
As you will rise up with your heart of cour-
age full, as once again to lead the way!
As your most courageous life, so brightens
all of our days!
Marine! "Oh Mackey, how you do shine!"
There's an even brighter son, now shining
this day all in Arizona's skies!
It's you, Sergeant Major Raymond Mackey,
whose heart to new heights as does so
rise!

HONORING BILL COGBILL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize and

honor Sonoma County Sheriff Bill Cogbill, who is retiring after a 36-year career in law enforcement.

Sheriff Cogbill began his career in 1975 with the Petaluma Police Department in Sonoma County. Three years later, he joined the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office as a patrol officer assigned to various beats throughout this large, rural county.

He was promoted to Detective in 1987 and specialized in narcotics enforcement. He was promoted to Sergeant the following year and was assigned to Patrol and Personnel Services.

In 1995 he was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned to the Town of Windsor as that community's Chief of Police. He served in this capacity for three years when he became Captain of the Sheriff's Field Services, a position he held until 2003 when he was elected Sheriff.

He had many specialty assignments during his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, including service with the Hazardous Incident Team, Street Crimes Unit, Field Training Officer Program and Instructor and Coordinator of Defensive Tactics.

Sheriff Cogbill has received numerous awards and citations during his long career, including the Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award, the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, and the Bob Tucks Peace Award. He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Sheriff Cogbill has served on numerous local and state committees working to improve public safety, law enforcement and detention services, including the Board of Directors of the California State Sheriff's Association Board of Directors. He has continuously encouraged his Command Staff to participate fully in professional organizations and within the community.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Bill Cogbill has served the people of Sonoma County well during his distinguished career. It is appropriate that we commend him for his many years of public service and wish him well on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBU-
TIONS OF LEIGH ANN BROWN TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Leigh Ann Brown. She can best be described as my 'right hand' and she has been with me almost as long.

Leigh Ann has literally worked with me from the beginning of my political career. We share the same hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Her work with me actually started as the fortunate result of my mother telling me that "My good friend's daughter is interested in politics." So in 1984, as a high school senior, she worked on my first campaign; and every summer of college she either worked on my campaign or as an intern in my office.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University, she immediately joined my Washington, DC